

INCORRIGIBLE, SHE IS ARTIST EXILE

Mrs. L. B. Griffin Loses Fight for Reinstatement in Camera Club.

WOULD NOT TRANSMIT A "LIAR" MESSAGE

Theft Charge Figures in Row—Her Photos of Nudes Caused Much Gossip.

Mrs. Lillian Baynes Griffin, one of the best known artist photographers, a member of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain and wife of Walter Griffin, the artist, is no longer a member of the Camera Club, and her efforts to compel the club to reinstate her on the ground that she was not properly tried and was a victim of club gossip have been unsuccessful.

Mrs. Griffin had been dismissed from the club for a number of years, although the club believed that the trial of the woman photographer was rather loosely conducted. Rebellious conduct and average of dues were given as the grounds for her expulsion.

The legal efforts of Mrs. Griffin have brought out a disagreement between Mrs. Griffin and Frank Seymour Hastings, president of the club. Mrs. Hastings is also president of the Russian symphony orchestra, commander of the Sanathaka, "Orthodox Yacht Club," and a member of the Grover Cleveland and Sons-in-law of Commodore E. C. Benedict. Mrs. Griffin, according to her story, was primarily a victim of her friendship for Mr. Hastings and another member of the club, her principal offence being her refusal to agree to this member a message from Mr. Hastings that he was a "liar and a traitor."

The official specifications of the complaint on which Mrs. Griffin was expelled as a member of the Camera Club and that despite posted notices that she had left the studio of the club in "complete disorder" and that the house committee resigned because of her "unpleasant disregard of the rules," the charges further stated that "this persistent rebellious conduct gives sufficient evidence that she is a menace to the best interests of the Camera Club, and that she is all the more culpable inasmuch as she used the club facilities professionally and has been posted for arrears in dues and fees far beyond an allowable period."

Somewhat some one got into the safe of the club and took from the ledger a page containing Mrs. Griffin's account, which caused Mr. Hastings to call a meeting of the board of directors before the proceedings on the charges were held.

A painful incident has occurred—because I did not suppose there was any one in the club capable of such a dastardly act. Some one has gone to the safe of the club and abstracted from the ledger a leaf containing Mrs. Griffin's account. To do it was necessary to open four locks, have a suspicion as to the person who did it, but will not disclose my suspicion."

Mr. Wilmersing, treasurer of the club, followed with a statement that some one had been hired to open the safe and also his desk. He had previously found a gold pin belonging to Mrs. Griffin, which was in an envelope with her name on it in the safe. "The damned thief," said the treasurer, "went into my safe, tore the corner of the envelope, and that pin that was in it is gone. I have not balanced my accounts. There may be money gone."

Mrs. Griffin complained in her action to reinstate that the members of the club who voted to expel her were as the chief witnesses against her. She said she had been informed that he had better resign in order to prevent disclosures which would be "extremely serious" to her.

For several terms Mrs. Griffin was chairman of the house committee. As some photographs of nudes which she had taken and the negatives of which she left around the club, which caused some comment, Mrs. Griffin said:

"There was not a man in this club who has not tried to get these negatives for one thing or another."

GIRL SKATERS SCARE POLICE

Frolic on Cracking Van Cortlandt Ice as Bluecoats Puff and Run.

Girls—short, fat, slim, pretty, not so pretty; girls with spats and muffs, girls with red cheeks and girls with blue noses—tucked their skates under their arms and flocked to Van Cortlandt yesterday, where they nearly gave a scare of police nervous prostration.

Following two immersions Saturday, no skaters were permitted on the lake, so the crowd trooped to the overflow. From 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. they cut circles and figure eights, fell down and picked themselves up, played tag and snaphotted themselves until an ominous crack twenty feet from the shore brought the bluecoats up on the run. Then ensued an impromptu game of hide and seek, with the patrolmen "it."

For half an hour the pulling guards of law and order chased the skaters up and down and cleared the pond only by threatening arrests. It was dark before the perspiring police hustled the last reluctant skaters home. Nearly 40,000, it is estimated, paid their dues to take a spin in Van Cortlandt alone, while many more visited the Bronx and Central Park. Last night the Weather Bureau promised that the red ball would be up again today.

SUICIDE A CLEW IN BIG NOTE FRAUD

Counterfeiting Printers Hunted After Southington Bank Cashier's Swindle.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Southington, Conn., Jan. 9. Federal authorities are investigating a report that Louis K. Curtis, cashier of the Southington National Bank, who committed suicide, was only one of many customers of counterfeiting printers. An examination of his accounts showed that \$87,500 was used in speculation.

Agents of the Bureau of Investigation at Washington are at work to ascertain if the cashier had accomplices in his forging the commercial paper of several big concerns with a national reputation. It is believed that though Curtis did the pen and ink forging on the bogus notes, which the bank examiners say is the cleverest they ever saw, he probably had professional help.

After the funeral Friday afternoon, Edward Brennan, bank examiner, discovered among Curtis's effects all the elements that the cashier's sudden death from an overdose of concentrated ammonia might not be "probably suicide" as the medical examiner had certified to the county coroner. Brennan, the bank notes, skillfully forged, Brennan found a number of blank forms which Curtis had no opportunity to fill out, because the examiners were not expected until January 21.

Edwin G. Lewis, vice-president of the bank, speaking for the directors, reassured reporters of the bank's solvency this afternoon and exhibited the defalcation wipes out the surplus, the bank can liquidate every liability and still have net assets of \$64,701.37.

Ten minutes after the examiners unexpectedly called at the bank last Wednesday, Curtis was found lying on his bed gasping "I'm dying—I took ammonia."

AUTO OVERTURNS, KILLS ONE

Another Man Probably Fatally Hurt When Car Is Wrecked in Cornfield.

Mincola, Long Island, Jan. 9. One man was killed and another probably fatally hurt in an automobile accident in the Jericho Turnpike near the public school at Hyde Park this afternoon.

Harry Armstrong, thirty-five years old, of 45 Huban street, Jamaica, was driving his car and was accompanied by Jerry Semrad, forty, and his younger brother, Louis, of New Hyde Park, when the car skidded, turned over twice and landed in a cornfield.

Jerry Semrad was thrown against a telegraph pole and instantly killed. Armstrong's skull was fractured. He is in a critical condition in the Nassau Hospital. Louis Semrad jumped and escaped injury. The car was wrecked.

Tossed in Auto, Two Escape.

Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 9. R. D. Pyle and his wife did an enforced loop the loop in an automobile near here this afternoon. Their machine was sideswiped by a car driven by J. H. Barkley, of Dumont. The smaller automobile, occupied by the Pyles, turned over in the air before landing on its side in a ditch. Mrs. Pyle sustained a broken ankle. Her husband was unhurt.

MRS. MOHR GOES ON TRIAL TO-DAY

Woman Faces Charge of Hiring Negroes to Kill Her Husband.

CONFIDENT JURY WILL ACQUIT HER

Defence Working in the Dark. Ignorant of Details of Prosecution's Case.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) Providence, R. I., Jan. 9. Protest by counsel for Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, who faces trial to-morrow for complicity in the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, has caused the substitution of Judge Charles E. Stearns as trial judge in the place of Judge Elmer J. Rathbun.

According to Assistant Attorney General Abbott Phillips, the prosecutor, Judge Rathbun, who presided a year ago in Mrs. Mohr's divorce suit against her husband, expressed from the bench the opinion that the woman was untruthful and no credence could be placed in her testimony. Alleging that the judge was prejudiced, and therefore unfit to preside at another trial of Mrs. Mohr, the defence urged the appointment of a special Superior Court judge for the pending case. To smooth the path of justice, Judge Rathbun was withdrawn and Judge Stearns was put in charge of the trial.

Most of the citizens of Providence went to bed early to-night, each in the hope that he might be one of the favored few who might jam his way into the little courtroom to-morrow morning. Many, to all outward appearance, were more perturbed than the blond woman who faces trial on the charge of having hired three negroes to murder her husband and his housekeeper, Emil G. Burger.

What happened on the lonesome road to Newport on August 31 last, when George Heelis stopped the automobile in which Dr. Mohr and Miss Burger were riding, and Cecil Victor Brown and Henry H. Spellman shot the physician to death and wounded his companion, apparently conveyed little uneasiness to the mind of the dead man's wife.

Mrs. Mohr Confident.

Mrs. Mohr still lives in a boarding house diagonally opposite the doctor's residence, which stands deserted and aloof, with closed blinds. A woman who came to the door to-day said that Mrs. Mohr had rested peacefully during the night, that she was in good spirits and was confident of the result of the ordeal before her. All through the day messages came from friends and relatives expressing their belief in her innocence, and these helped greatly to cheer her.

Until late to-night the prosecution and the defence worked at the final readjustments of their cases. To Arthur Cushing, principal counsel for Mrs. Mohr both in her divorce suit and her present ordeal, has been added John J. Fitzgerald, one of the foremost criminal lawyers in the state. It is believed that he will act as trial lawyer.

The defence will renew its motion for a separate trial of the woman and the negroes accused with her. The woman's lawyers will also emphasize the claim that the prosecution has kept their client completely in the dark regarding the charges against her. They will point out that there was no Coroner's inquest into the murder; that there was no preliminary hearing, and that even a copy of the grand jury proceedings was denied to Mrs. Mohr's attorneys. For the most part the lawyers have been obliged to build their case upon the newspaper reports of the murder and its resultant proceedings.

Will Visit the Scene.

Immediately after the jury has been empanelled it is the intention of Mr. Phillips to take the jurors, with Mrs. Mohr and her lawyers, to the scene of the murder, near Barrington, on the Newport road. There he will point out what he and his associates contend was the place of the assassination.

The motive which the prosecution will attribute to Mrs. Mohr's alleged action will not be jealousy, as originally supposed, but the desire to obtain possession of her husband's property. Brennan and Spellman, the men accused of the actual killing, will be represented by John B. Edwards and William H. Lewis, a negro, formerly a Harvard football star and later Assistant United States Attorney General. The defence will be based on the plea that the pair are the victims of racial persecution. Heelis, who turned state's evidence last Friday, will be one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution. Miss Burger will also appear.

The Assistant Attorney General will present at least fifty witnesses. It is believed that the trial will occupy at least three weeks. Instead of selecting a special panel for the trial the taxpayers will be drawn from the 100 men newly sworn in for the regular trial term.

WAR PLANT EVICTS OCEAN YACHT CLUB

Take Three-Year Lease of \$1,000,000 Staten Island Pier.

Increased facilities for the shipment of ammunition and war supplies to Europe will compel the Ocean Yacht Club, one of the largest organizations of its kind on Staten Island, to move. Two weeks ago the city leased its million-dollar pier at the foot of Water Street, Stapleton, and the adjoining water front, on which the yacht club building is situated, to R. Marten & Co., of 24 State Street, said to represent the purchasing committees of the British and Russian governments. Construction of a large warehouse at the land end of the pier and a high fence around the entire property was immediately begun. Commodore Edward Warty of the yacht club was notified yesterday that the property must be vacated within five days.

The pier is capable of docking six big ships at a time. The Marten company has a lease for three years, at an annual rental of \$25,000, with an option for renewal.

The yacht club was organized in 1901. It has several hundred members, including Lewis Nixon, shipbuilder and former leader of Tammany Hall, and many city officials. At a special meeting to-night the club's course of action will be determined.

MRS. ELIZABETH F. MOHR AND HER CHILDREN.



Mrs. Mohr will go on trial in Providence, R. I., to-day on the charge of hiring negroes to kill her husband last summer.

JERSEY MEN SHOT IN WAR PLANT RIOTS

Rum and Cold Cause Trouble in Camp in Lakehurst Woods.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Lakehurst, N. J., Jan. 9. Two men are reported to have been shot, one of them seriously, near Lakehurst, which is being cleared for a testing and proving plant for the Edystone Munitions Corporation, of Pennsylvania.

Both are said to have received their wounds during a strike fight, involving about half of the four hundred men employed there. Word has been sent to the home of Ed Helmut, near Laurelton, that he has been seriously wounded, and Roy Hendrickson, of this town, is said to have been shot in the head. Striking workmen who reached Point Pleasant yesterday said that the trouble had been growing for some time as the result of alleged failure of the company to provide proper housing and live up to the terms of their advertisements for men.

It was said that the shooting followed the discharge of workmen who broke the rule against the use of intoxicants. Officials of the company could not be reached and others on the grounds intimated that they had been forbidden to discuss the reports.

MRS. DONA'S PLEA FOR FUNDS DENIED

Court Will Not Let Ex-Mrs. Von Claussen Manage Her Large Estate.

AWAITS NEW OFFERS TO ACT FOR MOVIES

Former Inmate of Asylum Hoids Up First Proposition in Hope of Better Terms.

Mrs. Ida von Claussen Dona, who ran away and was married to Francis Dona almost immediately after her release from the Middletown Insane Hospital, cannot have the use of her estate to pay for her honeymoon or other bills. This is the decision of Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, of the Supreme Court at Nyack, which he handed down late Saturday night and which was made public yesterday.

Mrs. Dona is living with her husband in the Hotel Dennis, in Atlantic City. She sought to regain possession of her fortune, which is in charge of her brother, Matthew Claussen. Justice Tompkins finds "she was released by this court on parole from the Middletown State Hospital, where she had been confined as an insane person. In making the application for and obtaining her release from the state hospital and her parole in the custody of her brother she deliberately deceived both her brother and the court. Since her release she has violated the conditions of her parole, which was that she should live at her brother's home in New York City and always be under his control and direction, and never go at large without an attendant to be employed by her brother."

"It now appears that she deceived her brother into making the application for her discharge and the courts in granting it, and soon after her release she left her brother's home, eluded the nurse or attendant employed by him, and with a man whom she afterward married left the state and is now in New Jersey. Under these circumstances the court will not grant this motion. She must return to her brother's home and comply with the conditions of her parole. Motion denied."

Mrs. Ida Von Claussen Dona Expects Better Film Offers

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 9. Pending the arrival of that remittance she hopes to get from New York, "Countess" Ida Von Claussen Dona, the identity of whose husband has given rise to considerable debate, may go into the "movies." In a letter to the "Public Ledger" she says she has received one offer and is waiting to see what other film companies may do.

The countess pleads for a cessation of the newspaper persecution of her husband, who she says is Francis Albert Gilbert Dona, an architect and orphan and a man of the world, and not Donagan, the Middlesex Hospital attendant. She adds:

"Mr. Dona married me at my request, to save me from a plan my brother and

Governor Whitman had put out of political vengeance as to railroad me to Mattewan, where I was to be left for life, starved on the food that you would not give a dog you value, let alone a refined human being. "Thank God, Mr. Dona loves me and saved me from a life of slavery and 'white slavery' in New York public institutions."

GIANT CONTINUES RAMPAGE

Penn Station Terror Battles Ten Police and Wrecks Berillion Room.

Antonio di Bari, a giant Italian laborer, had overcome ten policemen and wrecked the interior of the Berillion room at Police Headquarters yesterday when a sharp blow on the head temporarily subdued him. While he was in this comparatively docile state a dozen policemen bound him. The process of photographing him and taking his finger prints was then continued.

Di Bari showed how dangerous it was to arouse his anger on Saturday night, when, after missing his train at the Pennsylvania Station, he stabbed four men before he could be overcome. After being locked in a cell he remained quiet until he was displeased again at the men preparing to take his picture for the identification bureau.

GIFTS TO ELMIRA COLLEGE

Addition of Two Buildings Announced by President J. B. Shaw.

Announcement of the gift of a new building to Elmira College, and of another contribution that will make a second building possible, was made at a reception in honor of the new president, Dr. John B. Shaw, and Mrs. Shaw by the Elmira College Club, of New York, at the home of its president, Mrs. George M. Robinson, at Graham Court, in West 116th Street. Many prominent alumni were present.

No mention was made of the value of the proposed buildings, the need of which the college has felt for some time. Dr. Shaw also placed before the alumni the plan of constructing a cloister connecting the new dining hall with the main building, as a memorial to Dr. MacKenzie, the late president.

FINDS PICTURE: STABS WIFE

Husband Also Threw Woman Out of Window, Police Say.

Frank Comota brought a series of quarrels with his wife to a tragic conclusion yesterday when, according to the police, he stabbed her twice with a bread knife and then hurled her from a second story window of their rooms, at 19 Hamilton Street. Discovery of the picture of a young man, believed to be a rival, is said to have started the last domestic difficulty.

Comota was arrested as he ran down the street. His wife was taken to the Volunteer Hospital. She may die.

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COASTING COSTS LIFE, SIGHT

Boy Killed and Girl Blinded in Accidents Update.

Tessie Chapman, eleven years old, daughter of Mrs. F. H. Chapman, of Haverstraw, was blinded in a hobbled accident, and Walter Murtha, fourteen, of Highland Falls, died from injuries received in another coasting mishap yesterday.

The Chapman girl's sled struck a pane of glass, and the flying fragments flew into her eyes. The Murtha boy slid under a team of horses in Newcomb, N. Y., where he was visiting; was kicked, and died from a fracture of the skull.

DEER TAKES A MILK BATH

Ice Traps Another, While a Third Is Shot by Error.

A stray deer running across the ice of a lake at Farmers' Mills, 1 Putnam County, yesterday, broke through. F. L. Christian and a companion lassooed the animal and then turned it loose. Another deer, fleeing from a dog fell into a sleigh and spilled 200 quarts of milk belonging to Everett Washburn on the Manitou Road below Garrison. It escaped.

Moses Dale, a hunter, paid \$100 fine for shooting a buck on Michael Farrelly's premises, near Brewster. Dale said that he got excited when the deer bore down upon him unexpectedly and fired.

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